

# South Dakota CATTLE ON FEED

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## ***CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY DOWN FROM MARCH***

**SIOUX FALLS, April 22, 2005** -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 205,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on April 1, according to the USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. The April 1 number is unchanged from a year earlier but down 5,000 head from March.

**Placements** during March totaled 31,000 head, down 2,000 head from last year and down 1,000 head from February.

**Marketings of fed cattle** during March totaled 34,000 head, also down 2,000 head from last year but up 8,000 head from February.

**Other disappearance** during March totaled 2,000 head, unchanged from last year but up 1,000 from last month.

**Steer and steer calves** totaled 110,000 head, 53.6 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Heifer and heifer calves** totaled 83,000 head, 40.5 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Bulls and cows** totaled 12,000 head, 5.9 percent of the total cattle on feed.

*The complete report can be accessed at [www.usda.gov/nass](http://www.usda.gov/nass)  
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